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*Treatment of Disrupted Articular Cartilage*, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

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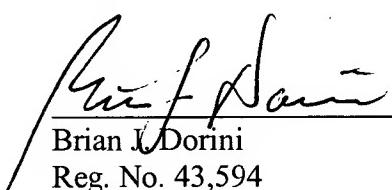
The specification has been amended to provide the Examiner with the serial number of the application referred to therein. These changes are not believed to introduce new matter, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

It is not believed that any fees are due, however, please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the specification:

Paragraph [0028] has been amended as follows:

[0028] The method of the present invention can be performed using the disclosed apparatus in combination with other standard arthroscopic implements such as an irrigating system, a viewing system and a positioning system in addition to the otherwise conventional equipment utilized in a minimally invasive procedure conducted on a mammal under general anesthesia. For example, a standard arthroscopic system such as the [ones] one described in U.S. Patent No. 6,068,628, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by this reference, can be utilized for access to the joint capsule. Similarly, another arthroscopic system which can be utilized for access to the joint capsule is described in U.S. Patent Application No.

[\_\_\_\_\_[Attorney Docket No. A-69458/ENB/VEJ]] 09/780,648, filed February 8, 2001, and entitled "*Method and Apparatus for Treatment of Disrupted Articular Cartilage*", the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

Paragraph [0032] has been amended as follows:

[0032] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, apparatus 37 generally includes an elongate probe member 71 having a proximal extremity 71a and a distal extremity 71b. A probe handle 72 is mounted to proximal extremity 71a and an active electrode 73 (shown in FIG. 3) is provided on distal extremity 71b. One should appreciate that other probes can be used in accordance with the present invention. For example, other probes which can be utilized are described in U.S. Patent Application No. [\_\_\_\_\_[Attorney Docket No. A-69458/ENB/VEJ]] 09/780,648, filed February 8, 2001, and entitled "*Method and Apparatus for Treatment of Disrupted Articular Cartilage*", the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by this reference.